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First Named Inventor	Alan L. Greener
Art Unit	1636
Examiner Name	Marvich, M.
Attorney Docket Number	25436/1712

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iv. ☒ Other **Supplemental Amendment**

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**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This Amendment is supplemental to the Amendment After Final filed August 27, 2003, which was not entered, and is responsive to the Advisory Action mailed November 28, 2003, in the above-noted U.S. patent application. This Amendment is filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination. Please enter the following amendments and remarks before reconsideration of the claims.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** are shown in the Listing of the Claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11.